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The Southern Heavens for December Evenings

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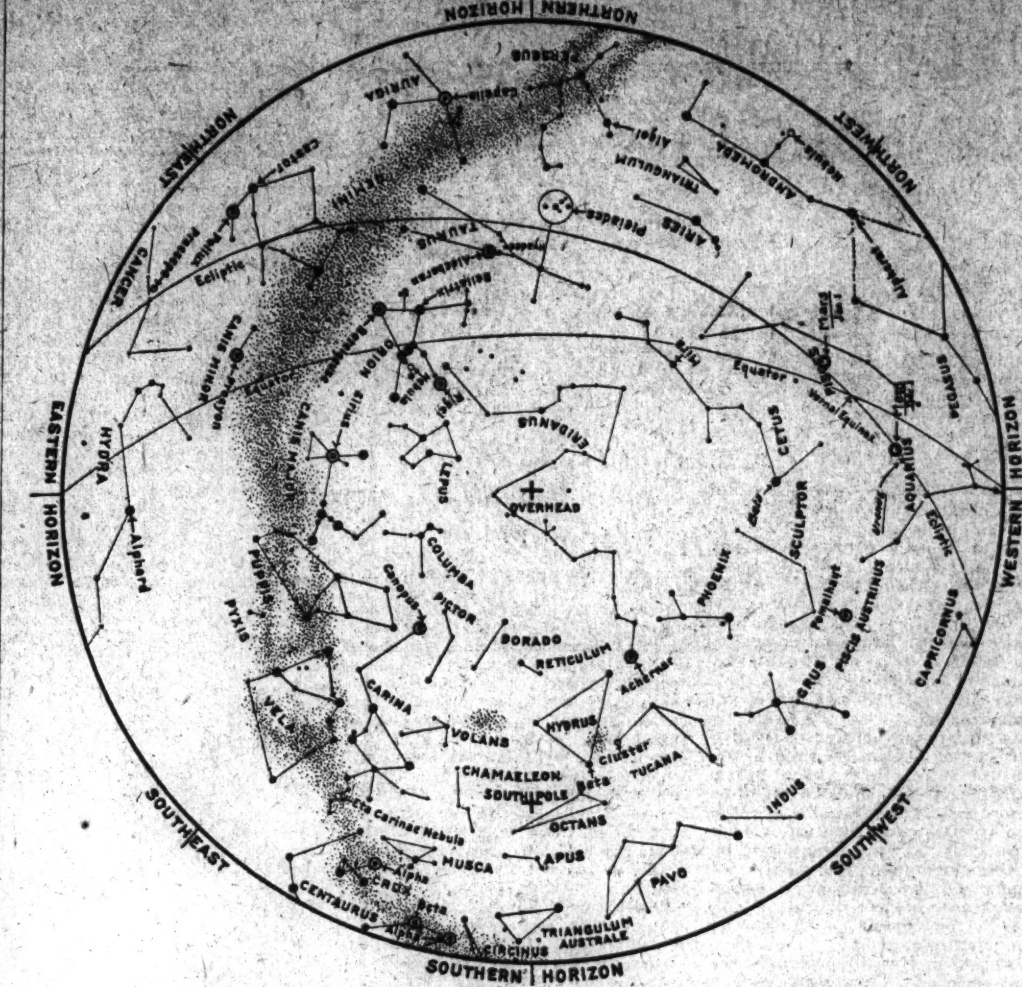
THE Lick Observatory on Mt. Hamilton, California, has just issued a third catalogue of spectroscopic binaries. The second catalogue of these stellar waiting partners, which circle ever round and round, was issued 14 years ago. The number of known spectroscopic binaries is now much enlarged, having risen from about 300 to more than 1000.

It is that wonderful magic prism of glass, the spectroscope, which reveals to us stars revolving around each other in such close proximity that no telescope within the astronomer's ken is powerful enough to show them single. Their rays of light come to us blended as a single beam. Received through the prism of the spectroscope, the separate colors of light, like the twisted colored threads of yarns, are disentangled and presented to view the rainbow band of the spectrum. Crossing the varied colored spectrum are dark lines marking gaps where the bright threads are lacking. Now, back of this dispersal of the rays into orderly array, the astronomer finds that the wavelength, the ripples in which light is propagated, determines the position of the dark lines on the spectrum. The scale of color or wavelength may be compared to pitch in sound. We all have noted the sharpened whistle of the incoming locomotive. In the same way, a star moving toward us, the light waves are shortened and the spectral lines shifted toward the blue end. When the star is receding the shift is toward the red.

This spectroscopic theory was enunciated about 30 years ago, but no accurate measures of the velocity of approach or recession of the stars were obtained until about 1890. With the aid of photography it became possible to measure velocities in the line of sight with great exactness. Prof. W. W. Campbell of the Lick Observatory, in his spectroscopic work, found that about one in every five bright stars examined had a variable radial velocity. It became apparent that these oscillating stars were being swung to and fro by dusky companions, too faint even to leave a trace of their spectrum. Their presence was manifest only in the oscillation of the bright component of the pair. When such radial velocities are plotted on cross-section paper according to the time, it is found that they form a periodic sinusoidal curve.

It is an interesting application of mathematical analysis to derive from these velocity curves the details respecting the binary system of stars, and to determine the orbit of their motions. All this has been thoroughly accomplished and, in the Lick catalogue of spectroscopic binary stars, no fewer than 248 have had their orbits well determined. The binary catalogue contains the fruits of many observers and includes all stars of variable velocities announced prior to last July. The publication of complete authentic up-to-date material concerning the spectroscopic binaries meets an urgent need of those who by classification and other statistical study are seeking the solution to the movements and constitution of the stars, including the nearest star, our sun.

The Constellations
Eridanus, now overhead, stretches from Achernar, the Last-of-the-River, to Cursa, the small star near the foot of Orion. Above the Milky Way spanning the eastern sky lie some of the brightest and most striking of the constellations. Many of them, woven into ancient myth and fancy of primeval observers, record in points of light some of the earliest of human traditions. Perhaps the best known configuration in the sky is the Belt of Orion, the Pleiades are prominent in the lore of all nations, even the remotest tribes of men. They have borne an important part in the lives and activities of all primitive peoples. Looking along the Milky Way to the southward, we encounter the component parts, almost the wreckage, of the great ship Argo, now commemorated in various constellations bearing nautical names. Above the pole are the two Magellanic Clouds, apparently portions of the Milky Way, driven or attracted by forces gravitational or possibly such as have been discovered in recent investigations. Fomalhaut is, next to Achernar, the brightest star in the west. Pegasus and Aquarius are setting. Eastward, Hydra is lifting its head above the horizon with dull-red Alpheid at its heart. The Cross is low in the south, while Auriga and Perseus skim along the northern sky line.



The December Evening Sky for the Southern Hemisphere

The map is plotted for the latitude of Southern Africa and Southern Australia, but will answer for localities much farther north or south. When held face downward, directly overhead, with the "Southern Horizon" toward the south, it shows the constellations as they will appear on Dec. 6 at 11 p. m., Dec. 21 at 10 p. m., Jan. 5 at 9 p. m., and Jan. 21 at 8 p. m. in local mean time. The boundary represents the horizon, the center the zenith. For convenient use, hold the map with the boundary downward corresponding to the direction one faces. The lower portion of the map thus held shows the stars in that part of the sky according to their relative heights above the horizon. The names of planets are underscored on the map.

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The Planets
The planet Mars remains with us as an evening star, still quite ruddy but shining more faintly. On Dec. 25 it is in quadrature, or at a distance of 90 degrees from the sun. It is moving rapidly eastward among the stars. Jupiter is in conjunction with the sun on Dec. 23, and then becomes technically a morning star. On Jan. 31 it will be near Venus. Mercury will be best seen as a morning star about Dec. 23, as an evening star about Jan. 17. On Dec. 16 it is in conjunction with Venus. Venus is a morning star, but will draw nearer to the sun. Saturn also is a morning star. On Dec. 5 it will be in conjunction with Venus, being less than a lunar diameter away on the northern side. Uranus is in quadrature on Dec. 10. It is always difficult to observe. Neptune is a telescopic object at all times.

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enced and mass meetings. The commission on evangelism and other commissions adopt annually a common program of activities carrying out simultaneously on special days and in special seasons many of the activities common to all.

In view of the greatly increased demand in 1924 from many parts of the United States for material for "Race Relations Sunday," enlarged plans are now being made and material prepared for the use of the day in 1925, which comes on Feb. 8. A pamphlet entitled "Race Relations Sunday in 1925: Suggestions and Material for Observance," may be obtained from the Federal Council of Churches.

Students representing 14 theological seminaries located in the middle Atlantic states met recently at Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J., and organized an association. Schools taking membership range from extreme fundamentalists to the most liberal type of Unitarians.

A committee on policy has been appointed to consider problems of world interest at the quadrennial meeting of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America in Atlanta, Ga., on Dec. 3. Each of the 28 denominations constituting the Federal Council has appointed a representative. The committee will include seven women. Carl E. Milliken, formerly Governor of Maine, and William H. Sweet, Governor of

Colorado, four presidents of educational institutions, six bishops and five presidents of moderators of denominational assemblies.

The Greater Boston Federation of Churches announces that the Rev. Charles M. Sheldon, editor of the Christian Herald, will preach at the community service, Symphony Hall, on the morning of Thanksgiving Day, Dr. Sheldon lives in Topeka, Kan. This Thanksgiving Day service is a union service, and ministers of all denominations will participate. Henry Gideon, organist of Temple Israel, will play.

The department of vacancy and supply of the Presbyterian Church states that, so far as that denomination is concerned, the reports of an increase in the number of vacant pulpits are not true. Not in years, it was declared, have there been so few vacancies in Presbyterian pulpits located in country districts, and there were said to be few vacancies in the cities.

A "Devotional Hour" has been planned by the Greater Boston Federation of Churches for all social workers of the city on Nov. 18, to be held at the First Methodist Church on Temple Street. The Rev. Virgil T. Pomeroy, distinguished preacher and leader, formerly of Bradford, Eng., and now of Milton, Mass., will deliver an address on "Social Work and Its Spiritual Dynamics."

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French and British Unable
to Agree on State
Monopoly

By Special Cable.
GENEVA, Nov. 15.—The Opium Conference continued its task of evolving an agreed text out of the French and British draft agreements, and after accepting the articles in the French text providing for no sale to minors, came to that forbidding Europeans, women and minors, to enter opium dens. Mr. Sugimura, Japan, at once obtained the suppression of the word Europeans as an unnecessary differentiation, and claimed for women equal rights with men.
M. Clanchant, France, said the exclusion of women from the opium dens was a matter of decency, but Dr. Alfred Spe, China, said any distinction was contrary to the spirit of the League of Nations. To Mr. Sugimura's plea that France, whose revolution established the rights of man, should be conceded to women, M. Clanchant replied that the French revolution had nothing to do with decency.
Portugal threw its weight on the side of women's rights, and the word was struck out, but France, Great Britain and Holland declared that the existing prohibition in their eastern possessions would be maintained.
An agreement was reached on the articles imposing the duty of carrying on an anti-opium propaganda, except where it was considered definitely undesirable, and on the prohibition of the traffic in the dross resulting from smoking opium, which it resembled is more pernicious in its effect than is prepared opium.
The French and British delegations had failed to come to an agreement on the question of State monopoly and on the French suggestion, Japan was invited to participate in the discussions.

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Special from Monitor Bureau.
CHICAGO, Nov. 15.—In the hope of gaining new light on the question of wages for the benefit of workers, a prize of \$5000 for a treatise on "The Theory of Wages" is offered by the committee on economic prizes. It was announced today by Prof. J. Laurence Laughlin, of the University of Chicago, chairman of the committee.
Explaining the choice of the subject, Professor Laughlin said to a representative of The Christian Science Monitor:
"The question of wages is most important to this country as a whole and needs the best thought and knowledge of economists of all countries. It has been the center of economic study for years. Because it affects the mass of people who earn it was chosen for this prize."
"The contest is to be announced in Europe as well as in the United States. The committee places no restrictions upon the scope, method or character of the studies submitted beyond the requirement that they make genuine contributions toward our understanding of the problem."
"Emphasis may be laid upon analysis of the economic principles underlying the determination of wages upon conditions which set maximum and minimum limits to the prices paid for important types of labor or upon any other aspect of the problems which a writer can show to be significant or upon which he can throw new light."
To give time for thorough research, the committee will receive contributions until Oct. 1, 1926. The prize is to be paid by Hart Schaffner and Marx of Chicago. It is hoped by the committee that the prize is the forerunner of an annual prize for distinguished work in economics.

SUNSET STORIES

Topnot Again

DO YOU remember Topnot, the small African boy, who raised bachelor buttons from the bag of buttons that he planted, and who had such a wonderful time in his bushy life? This is the same Topnot, and did you happen to know that his name is Topnot because he wears his hair right on the top of his head in a topnot that looks exactly like a little breakfast bun? You could know him anywhere by his topnot and the little wreath of bachelor buttons he wears around one of his ankles.
So—
Topnot sat up in his hammock and looked about him. Sand? Sand! Sand! Nothing but sand and stretched out flat and yellow. And right in the middle of the sand lived Topnot.
He'd a nice little cool pool with a blue-and-white parasol spread over it. This was his bath. And a thin little trickle of a stream with a tin cup beside it to drink from. And had a hammock swung between a banana tree and an umbrella tree with broad, green leaves. This was where he napped. He also had some little red trousers and a big straw hat.
On this particular morning, Topnot hopped out of his hammock and dived into the pool. He took a brush and scrubbed his straw hat and his trousers and himself. Dear, dear! This was a very busy morning indeed for Topnot! He bustled about and swept till the sand was smooth and clean. Then he dived up the broad, green leaves of the umbrella tree and picked a basket of bananas.
And now he began to shade his eyes and look out across the desert toward the jungle where everything is deep and green. By and by he saw some tiny black specks that came nearer and nearer.
"Ah!" said Topnot and kicked up his heels in glee. For all the black specks in the distance were the lady panthers and the lady leopards and

the lady tigers and the elegant lady monkeys who lived in the jungle.
So Topnot ran out to meet them and the ladies ran to meet him.
"Welcome, welcome," cried Topnot and the ladies all smiled and waved their tails instead of handkerchiefs.
"Do come right in," cried Topnot, though there was no place to come into. So they sat on their tails under the umbrella trees because there were no chairs. And Topnot passed them the basket of bananas. It was quite cozy there, all eating bananas and talking together. But what was this? Rain drops, large rain drops began to patter on the tree leaves.
The ladies huddled up closer and began to look troubled about their tea party clothes.
"It's all right. Don't worry!" cried Topnot. He scurried about and picked big leaves from the umbrella tree. These he handed around and they held them over their heads, smiling once more.
After the bananas, when the shower was over, they played Drop the Handkerchief and London Bridge. And they danced. The ladies sat around in a circle and Topnot asked them each to dance. The elegant lady monkeys danced the best of all, with their tails tucked under their chins.
They stayed until the sun began to shine like a big red balloon.
"Oh, Topnot, we've had a splendid time at your party," said the ladies.
"Oh, ladies," said Topnot, "come again." He bowed to them. He threw kisses to them and watched them trot off across the desert, eating bananas. (But when they had disappeared into the jungle again Topnot tiptoed out and picked up all the banana skins. He was so particular about keeping his part of the desert neat and tidy!)

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ton to Organize Soon**

CORVALLIS, Ore., Nov. 19 (Special Correspondence).—Pony polo is rapidly assuming a position of importance as a college sport on the Pacific coast. Two institutions on the coast — the Oregon Agricultural College and Stanford University of California—now have polo as a sport. A third, University of Washington, is getting organized a polo team in the near future.

The popularity of the game among the regular army units and the various hunt clubs has been a factor in the national polo contests held during the recent visit of the British Crown Prince to the United States were revived interest in the colleges.

Critics believe the Oregon Agricultural College polo team is the best in this year. Three veterans, Donald Dickerson, Harvey Dick, and Fred Scher, of last year's line-up are back. They are planning to promote aspirants to fill the vacant place at No. 3 position.

At Corvallis, Wash., which swept all before it last year, was badly broken up by graduations last spring, all four of the top players on the team quit school.

Difficulty in being financed this year in forming a team from the raw and inexperienced material.

Stanford University polo team purchased for the Aggies by the cavalry department of the R. O. T. C. Under the leadership of Capt. W. C. S. Finley of the cavalry unit the team

The Aggie foursome will meet the Seventh Infantry quartet of Vancouver, B.C., in Corvallis, Ore., 23, and the eighth in Astoria, Ore., 24. A six-game tournament of three teams to be played in Palo Alto, Calif., and three in Corvallis, Ore., has been arranged between the Cardinals and the Aggies.

SOCCER TITLE IS AT STAKE TODAY

KINGSTON, Ont. Nov. 15 (Special).—Royal Military College and McGill University soccer football players met here today on the Royal Military College grounds for the Canadian Inter-University soccer football championship. The Aggie team, representing the University of Toronto, 4 to 3, yesterday after 26 minutes of overtime. Toronto was the victor in the title which it had won last year. The two teams were evenly matched, though Toronto had a decided edge in the early part of the game.

and scored the first goal of the second half. Toronto evened the score shortly before full time and the teams were ordered to play two extra periods of 10 minutes each, the cadets scoring in the first period.

AUSTRALIA INVITES U. S.
SYDNEY, Australia, Nov. 15.—The Tennis Association of Australasia has decided to invite the United States to field a tennis team for a series of competitions in Australia.

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GENERAL NOLLET ADVOCATES

By SISLEY HUDDLESTON

response). The reform of the French Army is to be effected at an early date. It is hoped that there will be no waiting for the conference on disarmament. The French Army is too big, and the time spent in training by the young men of France is too long.

It must not, however, be supposed that a mere reduction of the period of military service from 24 months to 12 months or less, means the weakening of France; on the contrary, the theory of Jean Jaures, the great Socialist leader, and his followers today, including a number

to form a protecting screen when required behind which must be mobilized the great mass of the population. We have followed the work of Geneva with sympathetic confidence, and I have approved the excellent results to which our delegation has so largely contributed.

Although this vast program which is destined to replace a system of permanent defense in which the whole population will have its place, is an immense task, it is the intention of the Government to realize it without delay.

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of intensive military preparation, together with an efficient scheme of rapid mobilization, will provide with better defense than it now has. Their conception is that of a whole nation under arms. What they ask for is a true citizen army.

Although it would be entirely wrong endeavor to identify the peace plan of the National Industrial Monitor in all respects with the views of the French Government, they touch at some points. The Monitor says, in effect, that it is wrong to allow the army to take the profits while a special class of men in the army are asked to make every sacrifice. It is claimed that if the whole nation realized its responsibilities and should be called upon to work, and it necessary, to fight, with out any question of profit, then war

"Good Times Ahead With Coolidge" General Attitude

Special from Monitor Bureau.

NEW YORK, Nov. 18.—Opinions expressed by representatives of business men's organizations in various parts of the country here to attend the semiannual meeting of the National Industrial Council at the Hotel Astor, showed that the re-election of President Coolidge was having a stimulating effect on business.

A. C. Reed of Salt Lake City, Utah, manager of the Associated Industries of Utah, said the best sugar and mining industries in his section felt a sense of security in the political situation.

No Privileged Class
Now the French Radicals declare

privileged class in case of war," especially for lumber, which had been held back pending the election, were now going forward by telegraph, and everything pointed to a boom in the lumber trade.

Charles C. Gilbert of Nashville, Tenn., secretary of the Tennessee Manufacturers' Association, C. H. Zumwinkle of Lincoln, Neb., commissioner of the Nebraska Manufacturers' Association, and J. A. Rogers of Providence, R. I., secretary of the Rhode Island Employers' Association, expressed equally

the process of mere money-making. Such is the ideal of Socialists and Radicals alike, and it is an ideal that is shared by General Nollet.

With regard to the actual making of the army, doubtless there is

heavy frost in Argentina gave wheat a sharp upturn soon after the opening today. The opening, which ranged from $\frac{1}{8}$ c decline to $\frac{1}{8}$ c advance, with December $\$1.51$ at $\$1.52$, and May $\$1.58$ at $\$1.59$, was followed by an up-

Frenchman shall save for 18 months in the army. He can be trained just as well in a very much shorter space of time. Naturally, the longer the period of training the greater is the

A National Reservoir
It is not large covering troops which are wanted, it is a national reservoir of men who will, when

General Nollet has himself explained that while he would reduce the military service, he bases his propositions on considerations of military technic. The defense of a peaceful

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ceived of not as the task of a particular class of men, but as the task of the whole nation. One has not only to determine the rôle of the reserves, but one must prepare in advance the utilization of all

The forces of the population. The General says:

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researches or discoveries that cannot be immediately employed to increase our security. In the same way the industrial world—the bankers, the commercial organizations, in a word, all those who control the

Likeness to Monitor Peace Plan
A careful examination of these phrases will show that when all res-

a striking similarity between the ideas that are thus making progress in France and the ideas expressed by the Monitor, which were cheered to the echo on all the party platforms.

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EDITORIALS

It is almost a quarter of a century since the Rev. Charles M. Sheldon essayed for one week in Topeka, Kan., what he calls in a most interesting article in the Atlantic Monthly, "The Experiment of a Christian Daily." Mr. Sheldon had already written a novel, "In His Steps," in which he described the efforts of a journalist in his daily work to do everything as he conceived Jesus would have done it in like case. The broad-minded owner of the Topeka Capital—perhaps not without humorous intent—put his paper at Mr. Sheldon's disposal for one week, that the experiment might be tried.

In his account of this essay in the cleanest journalism, Mr. Sheldon sets down the general conditions under which it was made. The editor had complete authority over all departments of the paper. He employed the regular staff, but his rulings were to be accepted "in matters of personal conduct which involved such practices as the use of tobacco, drink and profanity." A clean newspaper, like clean thoughts, can proceed only from clean minds. Perhaps it might be urged that such a code could more readily be enforced in the simple, prohibition Kansas of that day than in the less idyllic conditions of the great cities. Yet the Monitor office is an exemplification of the fact that it can be and is followed, without need of enforcement.

Two of Mr. Sheldon's editorial rules merit present-day attention: All prize fights, scandals, crime, vice, or human depravity, if published at all, to be defined as evil, and an attempt made in each case to discover the cause, and, if possible, the remedy. The rule to govern all the management of the paper, including the political, social, and financial interests, was to be determined, as nearly as possible by the standard of what Jesus would probably do if he were publishing the paper as the owner of it.

This equipped, materially and spiritually, Mr. Sheldon went out to do battle for clean journalism. His account of the outcome of the fray is interesting. We abridge it rigorously:

The Capital normally had a daily circulation of 15,000. In one day after the announcement of Mr. Sheldon's program, 100,000 subscriptions for his week were received. His daily average was 367,000. The Capital's press was normally capable of turning out 25,000 a day, so that the amateur editor had to print in Chicago, New York, and even in London, from matrices prepared in Topeka. The circulation extended to South America, South Africa, Australasia, and every European country. Money came in by bushels—literally. The subscription receipts for one week were \$90,000. An appeal for aid to the people of India, published but once, brought in \$100,000 in contributions besides a shipload of corn given by the farmers of Kansas.

Such were some of the material results of this essay in Christlike journalism. The full article will repay reading by all who can get access to it. Mr. Sheldon goes on to combat the theory that such a newspaper must necessarily be dull by printing a list of topics discussed and news matters covered. Concerning his treatment by the rest of the daily press, he says frankly: "Looking over the press reports which were made during that week I might be indignant, even after the lapse of a quarter of a century, if they were not so tremendously untrue as to be humorous. . . . I could have carried out my plans with far greater freedom and happiness if the press had let me alone." Yet individual opinion did not coincide with press comment. "I think it is safe to say that in my correspondence for weeks after the Capital week, I had hundreds of letters asking if a paper along the same line could not be established," writes Mr. Sheldon, who rather ruefully adds, "No one, however, came forward with the millions necessary to establish it."

Just eight years after this very worthy experiment in clean journalism, The Christian Science Monitor was founded by Mary Baker Eddy. There was less of the dramatic element in its launching. Its appearance was not preceded, as in the case of the Topeka paper, by appeals to evangelical churches all over the United States, "the formation of clubs, young people's societies, and various religious and social organizations." It was put forth simply and quietly as a daily newspaper which would meet a need that Mrs. Eddy had long before expressed in these words:

Looking over the newspapers of the day, one naturally reflects that it is dangerous to live, so loaded with disease seems the very air. These descriptions carry fear to many minds, in some future time upon the body. A periodical of our own will counteract to some extent this public nuisance; for through our paper, at the price at which we shall issue it, we shall be able to reach many homes with healing, purifying thought. It was not to be a temporary experiment but a permanent contribution to the good of the world. The code she laid down for the direction of all its editors was not elaborate, but complete. It was in one sentence: "The object of the Monitor is to injure no man, but to bless all mankind."

The implications of that rule are almost illimitable. They necessarily make of the Monitor an international newspaper, blessing all mankind and not merely those of a certain nationality. They compel the omission of scandal and gossip, ill-natured comment, the stories of crimes or disaster, which when imprinted upon the mind invariably injure those affected by them. And if the Monitor did not in a brief season of public excitement attain so great a circulation as was enjoyed by the Topeka Capital during its brief season of Mr. Sheldon's editorship, it has obtained readers in every known quarter of the globe, and has received from them and from the business community to which all newspapers must look for their main support such generous appreciation as has made it a permanent, instead of an ephemeral, argument for clean journalism.

There has been also a sharp contrast in the

way in which Mr. Sheldon's experiment was treated by the press of the Nation and the courteous attention given to The Christian Science Monitor by the rest of the journalistic field. Those active in journalism in 1900 can only look back with regret, if not with mortification, to the manner in which Mr. Sheldon's essay was treated. Whether it was that other publishers felt that their strongholds were menaced, or whether because of a certain tendency to flippancy which leads the newspaper press so often to dismiss contemptuously that which is novel and which seems to outrage established business tenets and to substitute for them ethical convictions, the fact remains that the attitude of the American press toward his experiment was one mainly of ridicule.

It is quite true that the editors of the Monitor on its first appearance had pointed out to them from many journalistic sources the great mortality among newspapers of even a less problematic character, but in the sixteen years of its life this attitude of doubt as to its permanency, on the part of its contemporaries, has been dispelled, and it has nothing but gratitude to the newspapers of two continents that treat its opinions and methods with respect, even though they do not always adopt either.

The editorial code of the Monitor is perhaps less difficult of maintenance than that adopted by Mr. Sheldon. The adjuration "to injure no man, but to bless all mankind," is but a direction to its editors to observe at all times the Golden Rule, and as for the nature of the news which it finds most suitable for its columns, it is defined explicitly in the Epistle to the Philippians (4:8), where all may find it and any who have their minds in tune with Principle may well follow it:

Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are honest, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

At the expiration of a quarter of a century the Monitor is glad to express to Mr. Sheldon its gratification that he is able now to tell the story of what was a notable and an admirable essay in clean journalism. That at the time he was forced to note that no one was forthcoming with the millions necessary to give permanence to his experiment, is perhaps not surprising. We are sure he will join in the hope that the time may yet come when no one will be forthcoming with millions for the support of a newspaper which falls of the high purposes which animated him at the time of his experiment.

It is altogether probable that Governor Cox of Massachusetts, in designating William M. Butler as interim successor to Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, acted in accord with what would have been the expressed choice of the voters of that State had it been necessary to call a special election for the purpose of filling the vacancy. In every sense of the word, Mr. Butler was the logical candidate. He is, of course, in full sympathy with the Administration, to which the people of Massachusetts have given their overwhelming endorsement. He will uphold the hands of the President at a time when strong personal and political support will count for much.

By experience and training the new Senator is abundantly qualified to render invaluable service to both State and Nation. Yet he cannot, because of the rules of precedence which govern the august body to which he has been appointed, hope to at once achieve even a degree of leadership. He must serve, as all others have served, his period of apprenticeship. His present tenure, as fixed by his official commission, is short. In November, 1926, he will be obliged to stand for election, in case he desires longer service. But he will at once be recognized by his colleagues as a forceful spokesman for the President. It has been said, and probably truthfully, that since his accession to his present high office Mr. Coolidge has been without a personal champion in the upper house of Congress. He will be reassured, no doubt, by the knowledge that he is now to have a friend at court.

Even the most casual observer must have been conscious, as he or she has read the published addresses of President Coolidge, or listened to them as they have been broadcast by that inclusive process which has made it possible for one person to be heard simultaneously by a million, of the President's almost unvarying selection of short words and phrases. Employed by one less adroit and logical than he, the practice might tend to stiltedness or unpleasant abruptness. But he seems to have found, and to have proved, that a short sentence may be turned as smoothly and as euphoniously as a long one, and that short words, when expressive of the sense desired to be conveyed, fall as naturally and as pleasantly upon the ear as the longer ones.

During the recent campaign some admirer of the President compiled and published a little booklet which contains a striking collection of extracts from his speeches and public papers. A hundred or more of them are apt and concise enough to be taken as subjects for long discourses, and yet, in a sentence, or in a phrase, the man who coined them found it possible to say on the subject in hand all that he desired to say. These are not all in words of one syllable. One who deals with such terms as "government," "constitution," "leadership," and "disarmament" must employ the words that convey to the listener or reader the meaning intended. But otherwise than where necessary the words used are almost invariably the shortest and simplest that can be found.

A less artistic constructor of phrases might find it somewhat difficult to express, as the

President has expressed, in a few simple words, this plain truism: "The law of life, the law of progress, is the law of obedience, the law of service." Again: "There can be no national greatness which does not rest upon the personal integrity of the people." These, and scores of others which might be quoted, are not mere platitudes. They bring in their wake the clear ring of truth. They are so terse that their meaning cannot be misconstrued.

One wonders to what school the President has turned in his successful effort to gain this marked proficiency in expression. The secret he has uncovered perhaps does not lie as deep as some of us may have supposed. Possibly one may conclude, if there is something direct and forceful to be said, that no confusing array of words is needed to express the thought. In a recently published volume, "The Mystery of Words," the author, Raicy Husted Bell, quotes verses written by J. A. Alexander which illustrate the telling force of words of one syllable. One of these verses is:

To joy's quick step as well as grief's low tread,
The sweet plain words we learn at first keep time
And though the theme be sad or gay or grand,
With each, with all these may be made to chime
In thought or speech or song or prose or rhyme.

There is the rule. It is plain enough and simple enough, and yet it is not always followed, nor is it always easy to follow. Because of this it is conceded that those who, intuitively or by studious effort, do follow it, have achieved something to be admired and commended.

Sam Walter Foss told in jingling rhymes of two men, one of whom thought that the new world was going altogether too fast and tried to hold it back, while the other, sure that the old world was running too slowly, got behind and pushed with all his might. The net result was that the world jogged on its way at its usual pace, quite unconscious of the reforming radical or the reactionary conservative.

The recent political campaigns in the United States and Great Britain have been noticeable for the extent to which the terms "radical" and "reactionary" have been used to describe certain parties or individuals. The partisan press and the campaign orators seemed to believe that if they could fasten one of these labels on their opponents they had convicted them of being antagonists of the public welfare, who should be voted into obscurity. In both countries there were parties that might justly be termed "radical" in the proper sense of that word, as they proposed remedies for existing defects in the social order that they believed would uproot the economic disorders against which they complained.

On the other side were the conservative forces who protested against a change, and asserted that the remedies proposed by the radicals would make things far worse, instead of improving them. Between the radicals, or progressives, as they termed themselves, and the conservatives, there were the Liberals in Great Britain and the Democrats in the United States, who conceded that conditions were far from perfect, and were opposed to a policy of standing still, but were unable to accept the proposals of the Socialists or the followers of La Follette. The line of cleavage was not so clear in America as in British politics, but in general way the American Democrat stood for much the same theories of government as did the British Liberal.

That the voters, confronted with a choice between what was regarded as dangerous radicalism and the established order, should have preferred something tried and proved to new ventures into the unknown, is not surprising. The forces that hold together (whether this solid earth or the civilized society that has slowly been evolved upon it) are stronger than those tending to pull apart. Changes there must, and will, be, but the disposition to hold fast to that which has been tested and found fairly workable in public affairs will find the main prevail over the tendency to turn things upside down in order to see if they will work better that way.

Editorial Notes

No idle tribute was it which was accorded to Sir Alfred Robbins, president of the Board of General Purposes, the administrative body of the Grand Lodge of English Freemasons, by President Coolidge, in the latter's communication to Sir Alfred regarding his recent visit to the United States. In this letter the President expressed the feeling that Sir Alfred's mission to America was certainly calculated to promote friendship and understanding in the relations between the two countries. "The fruition of friendship," Mrs. Eddy has written, "the world's arms outstretched to us, heart meeting heart across continents and oceans, . . . these are enough to make this hour glad."

Although no foreign engineer is to be permitted to assist in the assembling of the plant, the fact that the "Sacred City" of Lhasa, in Tibet, is about to install its first electric plant, a hydrogenerator, constitutes a significant sign of the times. According to the Electrical Times of London all of the apparatus is to be carried on muleback up the 11,800-foot elevation from which the city looks down. When once within the walls, it is to be erected by natives who have watched and studied construction of the plant in its factory. Slowly but surely, the superstitions of the ages are melting away before the light of Truth.

A memorial of more than usual significance and value was recently presented to his native city of Sile, in Italy, by Luigi Carnovale, Chicago writer on Italian culture. This consists of a college and a monument of Tommaso Campanella, the great Italian philosopher. No fewer than 10,000 people attended the dedication ceremony, and Giovanni Gentile, a philosopher of note and former minister of education, spoke at the unveiling of the statue. Without a doubt all such gifts make for a closer bond of friendship between the nations.

Music Festivals of Estonia

By FULLERTON WALDO

A visitor to Estonia cannot fail to be impressed by the manifestations of national enthusiasm in operatic performances, orchestral concerts, and especially the song festivals, which, like the Welsh Eisteddfods, bring together great convocations from every part of the land to give expression to the patriotic aspiration in "communal singing."

Estonia's first minister to the United States, Prof. Antonius Phipps, is a scholarly enthusiast in all that relates to the social evolution and cultural development of the bygone little Baltic republic. He was a lecturer at the Institute of Politics at Williamsstown last summer, and there it was my good fortune to encounter him.

At my request, he passed in review the history of Estonia's remarkable song festivals, a history inseparable, as he pointed out, from her rise to independent place and power for each of her gatherings meant the reaffirmation of her fervent ideal of liberty.

"The development of Estonian national life," he declared, "is very closely associated with music and song. Estonia is rich in folk lore and folk music. The national collection comprises 25,000 tales, 55,000 riddles, 50,000 magic formulas and superstitions, 65,000 proverbs, 70,000 numbers of epical, lyrical, wedding songs, with 15,000 melodies."

"Estonian music as a modern art had its origin in the middle of last century, when many choirs arose everywhere in the country, conducted by local school teachers and prelates."

The first general song festival was held in Dorpat in 1869, on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the abolition of slavery in Estonia. Male choirs to the number of 42, and three orchestras, totaling 739 participants, all told, performed in this festival. The music was chiefly of an ecclesiastical character. The importance of this first festival lay in the fact that it helped to awaken the sense of national self-consciousness.

As guests of that song festival, many Finnish and Hungarian men of art and letters participated. "The event in their eyes signified the rebirth of the first of what the Estonians call the 'three branches of the Finnish-Ugric race.'"

A second song festival was held ten years later, also in Dorpat. As before, the participants were male choirs and orchestras, but their number had considerably increased. The program was still dominated by religious hymns, but Estonian composers took a more prominent part. The number in the audience had increased to 10,000. Patriotic addresses were delivered which increased the national feeling of the population.

The third song festival occurred at Reval in 1890, the occasion being the completion of 25 years of the reign of Alexander II. The program comprised two parts, one of religious and the other of popular music. The number of participating choirs was somewhat smaller, but the program had more marked national character. During the period between 1890 and 1899 a "Russification" policy was introduced in the Baltic provinces, and the manifestation of distinct national life was not tolerated.

The fourth general song festival, of June, 1891, at Dorpat, was announced to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the reign of Emperor Alexander III. The loyal patriotic pretext was essential. Whereas at previous song festivals the German clergy and nobility had played quite an important rôle, all enterprises being under their patronage and protected by local Russian administration, this fourth song festival was managed

entirely by the Estonians themselves. The number of participants increased to 2700, and besides the male choirs, mixed choirs were introduced for the first time. "The fifth festival took place at Dorpat in 1894, the occasion being the seventy-fifth anniversary of the abolition of slavery in Estonia."

"At Reval in June, 1896, the sixth festival again brought together 6000 players and singers. In 209 mixed choirs and 138 male choirs, and as a lovely, five female choirs. The program was composed chiefly of the works of Estonian folk music composers and the scores of Finnish composers. The religious element was not so prominent as on former occasions, although even at that time all the festivals were prelude by a divine service in the Lutheran and Greek Orthodox churches."

"A period of a strong reactionary policy on the part of Russia, and oppression of the national life of non-Russian peoples, marked the end of the nineteenth century. Attempts to organize a new song festival were defeated by the Russian Administration. Then followed the Russo-Japanese War and the Russian Revolution, events distinctly unfavorable to such idealistic enterprises."

"Fourteen years later, in 1910, the seventh general festival was held in Reval. It was organized by the singing society known as 'Estonia,' whose purpose was to lay the corner stone of its new building, a school for popular subscription the necessary funds for the construction. This time, in addition to organizations from within the country, there were 35 choirs of Estonians from Russia, Siberia and other regions outside Estonia. A special concert of Estonian folk songs was given during the festival."

"It was apparent to all that the Estonian nation had made enormous progress since the previous festival and developed into a real political and economic power. The climax came on the last day of the general concert, when the Estonian national anthem, popularly accepted by everybody, but not officially recognized by anyone, was sung. This anthem had been struck out of the program by the Russian governor, but the whole population defiantly arose and sang it without a conductor, so that the Russian governor himself was obliged to stand up and salute. By way of retaliation the governor prohibited the ceremonial laying of the corner stone of the theater 'Estonia.' Nevertheless, the corner stone was laid, without speeches, in the presence of an enormous concourse."

"The eighth and most recent festival was held in 1923. This festival commemorated the fifth anniversary of Estonian independence. The number of performers, much larger than at any previous festival, reveals the popular enthusiasm. A special committee of the League of Estonian Singers organized the concert. The attendance at each concert was estimated at about 200,000. All concerts were held in the open park of Katherine Valley (Kadriori), in Reval, and were heard for two miles out at sea, where many were listening in boats to the concert of the biggest chorus in the world. A special platform in the style of ancient Greece was built for the singers. The program was entirely from the works of Estonian composers."

"It is surprising that the Estonian song festival is intimately linked with the social and economic evolution of the Estonian people. The permeative influence of the music has intensified Estonian nationalism, and under Russian rule it was the only way to demonstrate the national unity."

The Week in New York

New York, Nov. 15

The development of commercial aviation, to judge from the ideas being put forward here, may be much nearer than it might seem from the empty skies. The first of what the designers call a group of balloons on Long Island, may be a regular output of twelve-passenger planes, has recently been completed and successfully flown. The possibility of turning out one and two passenger planes at \$500 each was confidently predicted here, also, by Alexander Klein, associate professor of aeronautics of New York University. The construction, too, of 100 planes for the United States Government is about to commence by H. G. Fokker, the Dutch designer, who has arrived to begin work. The formation of a company to operate air taxis at 20 cents a mile gave a speed of about 100 miles an hour has just been announced by Col. H. E. Hartney, who commanded an air squadron in the American Expeditionary Force. What is perhaps even more important is the indication that business men are waiting for commercial air lines, which, of course, has been delayed to await the growth of public confidence, though with the repeated success of the recent aerial exploits, that may be farther advanced than the promoters realize.

A vivid picture of the League of Nations at work in its latest session was given to the Women's Pro-League Council here this week by Mrs. Thomas W. Lamont. Her dominant impression as she came away, she said, was "of the goodness of the League." It was a "going concern." "It created an atmosphere that made us all feel that great things were going on there," she said. "It gave a chance it would do great things for the world." There was a tense seriousness among the delegates to the Assembly who, contrary to the habits of representatives in other legislative bodies, crowded into their places and listened to speech after speech with hushed breath. And, best of all, there was the group of prime ministers whom Mrs. Lamont was privileged to hear discussing the League protocol for reduction of armament. Without the haughty national dignity so emphasized in old diplomacy, and with a frankness born of regard for one another's needs and of respect for each other's purposes, they proposed, debated, and passed upon point after point, until word by word, and clause by clause, the document came to be the expression of their single aim. It seemed to her to mean, Mrs. Lamont said, that the hour had come for the "idea of international co-operation," and that therein lay the assurance of the League's future.

Post-war Germany is now financially recognized by Wall Street. The Reichsmark, the new currency established on a gold basis as a result of the coming into operation of the Dawes plan, is now being listed by some of the banks. It is going to be a unit, and has been close to that price since trading in it started on the exchange. No actual currency has been received yet, though several banks are selling drafts in it, payable in Germany. When trading in it has become general, so that the exchange price is considered fairly stable, it is expected that financial relations will be drawn closer by some loans here to German banks.

The cottage at Saratoga Lake, N. Y., in which Robert Louis Stevenson lived for nearly a year, has just been acquired by the Stevenson Society of America, to be kept as a permanent memorial. Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Baker, who took Stevenson as a lodger, had had for many years an arrangement with the society for keeping the room he occupied open to visitors. Now the whole house is to be made the center for the collection of all kinds of relics connected with his life. Quite a number of memorabilia are now in the United States several of them, including the original manuscript of all but the last three chapters of "Kidnapped" and a first edition of "A Child's Garden of Verses." During this week in a sale at one of the galleries. The degree of interest was shown in the fact that the manuscript of "Kidnapped" sold for \$20,000.

A college course of "30,000 miles" to consist of a trip around the world lasting one scholastic year, has been planned by Dr. James E. Lough of New York University and carried almost to the point of realization. Negotiations are in progress with the United States Shipping Board to obtain one of its ships large enough to carry a good-sized party of students and professors. New York University, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Tufts College, according to Dr. Lough, have already pledged their aid in the enterprise, and some others may follow. The plan is to have the students learn such subjects as can well be taught on such a trip, as, for example, languages, geography and his-

tory, and credit will be allowed for one year of college work. The expense, according to the plan, would not be much more than that for one year at any of the large universities.

There are, of course, some great open spaces left in the United States, but hardly any so great that Americans can gaze at the size of the sheep ranch owned by the "Wool Queen of South America," Mme. S. B. de Valenciana, who has just sailed on the Esmeralda, back to southern Patagonia, Argentina, to her homestead of 20,000 square miles. She had to go back to supervise the clipping of her 2,000,000 sheep and the sending to market of the 5,000,000 pounds of wool.

There is a certain philosophic grandeur in a country where battles can be carried on in such a fashion as that described by Dr. Paul Monroe, director of the International Institute of Teachers' College, Columbia University, who has just come back here from a trip to China. The battle he described was a naval one, typical, he said, of the naval battles of China. It began when five fighting ships of each side met. The opposing commanders at once began sending out strong arguments to win the others over. After a great deal of debate four commanders from one side were convinced and induced to join the other side. The fifth, however, held out for a long time, but eventually even he changed his mind, and the battle went, if not to the just, at least to the most persuasive.

Letters to the Editor

Brief comments on our columns, but not longer than one column, and no need to identify the author, unless the writer is a newspaper reporter for the facts of opinion presented. Anonymous letters are destroyed unused.

"Regarding Immigration to Canada"

To the Editor of The Christian Science Monitor: Mr. John Barnett's letter in your issue of Oct. 22 is welcome as an exposition of the actual arrangements made by the Imperial Ex-Services Association (of India) and the Soldiers' Settlement Board of Canada in August, 1923. Nevertheless, my party were shipped from Bombay, after being told the story I mentioned in my first letter, published by you on Oct. 2, in the middle of June, last, and before the association could have had time to get the letter which Mr. Barnett sent from Canada on June 7.

This is the first official news I have had of the arrangement having been made for the farm laborer type of men only to be shipped, and your issue containing Mr. Barnett's letter will be the carrier of the first news the Indo-British public in India will get on the subject.

In regard to the class of men sent by India, I can speak for my own party only. One was a land surveyor, an ex-captain of the Indian Army. He was a first-class army record and one of "mentions" during the war. He was physically sound. This man is at present making a livelihood as a water-side laborer, fumigating ships.

One man was a lad in the middle twenties who had served two years in the ranks of a machine gun unit and been awarded a commission later. This boy resigned a permanent position in the firm of Shaw, Wallace & Co. of India, where he was earning the equivalent (300 rupees) of \$100 a month, in order to avail himself of the "splendid opportunity" of starting in Canada. This man took the first job he could find, on a farm, I understand, at about \$25 a month. He paid his own passage out to the Ex-Services Association for this privilege.

The third man had been a sergeant, and while having no professional or trade qualifications, was physically fit. He wasted no time in arriving at a decision to "beat it" out of the country at the first opportunity, and with this in view traveled eastward. Where he is or what he is doing, I cannot say.

For myself, I know I am physically fit, and have managed to pay my way up to date without "coming down on the rates." I have done automobile repair work when it came my way, peddled a few Indian photographs I had with me, and have now secured a small job that pays my board and rent.

The closing sentence of Mr. Barnett's letter is irrelevant. If it had any bearing on the discussion, it would stamp all those Scottish would-be settlers who returned to Scotland (after a trial of conditions here) as "leaners," who are always looking for someone to carry them over the rough spots. It would also apply to the 150,000 Canadians who have poured over the American border during the current year.

In any case, it does not apply to the only ex-Indian army man I know who were sent to Canada by the Ex-Services Association, for they are not "leaving" on his department for a thing.

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